

Leaf Collection Program

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After two successful years of the Clear Bag Leaf Collection Program, the Village Board has decided to continue this program for the 2012 leaf season. This program continues to keep our streets cleaner and safer in addition to reducing the rising cost of leaf collection. This program continues to keep total leaf disposal tonnage down, eliminating leaves in the road by landscapers who illegally bring leaves from other communities or do not properly dispose of the leaves. The public's cooperation in the implementation of this program last year was excellent and helped continue its success. As a reminder, the details regarding the leaf program are as follows:

- Leaves are to be placed curbside in clear plastic bags for collection by the Village. They can no longer be blown or

raked into the streets. Leaves in clear plastic bags can be placed curbside on either of your two garbage days (Monday & Thursday or Tuesday & Friday). This policy is effective immediately.

- Please place only leaves in the clear plastic bags. If any household refuse, grass, or debris is visible inside, the bag will not be collected. This is important since contaminated leaves cannot be composted and add to the waste stream.

- There is no limit to the number of clear plastic bags you can place curbside between November 5 and December 21. For the remainder of the year, a maximum of four bags may be placed curbside on your "rubbish" or "heavy" collection day.

- At any point throughout the year, leaves placed in black or white plastic bags will be

treated as rubbish.

- The plastic bags will be separated from the leaves and recycled. Clear plastic bags are available at local supermarkets, large discount stores and local hardware stores. Please limit clear plastic bags to the 45-gallon size.

- Landscapers are required to remove leaves and dispose of them at their cost.

- Failure to comply with these regulations will result in fines.

We look forward to everyone's continued cooperation with the program for the good of your neighbors and the Village. Landscapers are aware of these changes, but we need your help to ensure your landscaper's compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this new program or need to report violators, please call Village Hall, 671-0080.